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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF JORGE GARCIA DUQUE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDUSTRY,
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT

1. HUMBERTO SORIANO, ASSISTANT TO SUBJECT TRAVELER VISITED EMBASSY 28 OCTOBER TO OUTLINE U.S. TRAVEL PLANS AND OBJECTIVES OF MR. GARCIA DUQUE.

2. SUBJECT TRAVELER LEAVES CARACAS 1 NOVEMBER FOR U.S. WILL BE MEETING WITH U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT IN DETROIT, AND MAKING RELATED VISITS IN NEW YORK CITY.

3. MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGED WITH OVERSIGHT OF BROAD EXPANSION OF VENEZUELAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, WHICH WILL REPRESENT INVESTMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$500 MILLION OVER NEXT FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS.

4. ACCORDING TO MR. SORIANO, MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ARE INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ASSISTANCE TO MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL SERVICES OFFICE OF AID.

5. SUBJECT TRAVELER WISHES TO INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WITHIN OFFICE OF STS DURING U.S. VISIT. TO CONFORM TO PRESENT ITINERARY, STS CONSULTATIONS MUST TAKE PLACE ON 6 NOVEMBER.

6. MR. GARCIA DUQUE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ASSISTANCE STS MIGHT RENDER IN EVALUATION OF OFFERS TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT
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OF FOUNDRY AND FORGE INSTALLATIONS, AND ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION

PLANTS.

7. DEPARTMENT PLEASE ADVISE BY 31 OCTOBER IF SUCH CONSULTATIONS
POSSIBLE AND IF AFFIRMATIVE, INFORM EMBASSY OF STS CONTACT
NAME, TIME AND PLACE. AFTER OCTOBER 31, DEPARTMENT MAY BE
ABLE TO REACH MR. GARCIA DUQUE THROUGH VENEZUELAN CONSULATE
GENERAL IN DETROIT OR VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON D.C.

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